

THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.11680 OF 2007

ORAL ORDER:

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The writ petitioner is the authorized dealer of the fair price shop No.18 of Krovvidi village, Nidamarru Mandal, West Godavari District. The 2nd respondent-Revenue Divisional Officer, vide proceedings dated 26.3.2007 suspended the authorization of the petitioner, pending enquiry into certain alleged irregularities in distribution of essential commodities to the card holders. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner preferred an Appeal before the 1st respondent-Joint Collector. Though the appeal was taken on file, the 1st respondent by order dated 20.4.2007 rejected the request of the petitioner for stay of the impugned proceedings. The said order is under challenge in this writ petition.

As could be seen from the material on record, the petitioner is not allowed to distribute the essential commodities by virtue of the impugned order, from April 2007 onwards. Admittedly, disciplinary proceedings are pending against the petitioner into the alleged irregularities. Since the order impugned in the Appeal pending before the 1st respondent is not a final order, but only an order of suspension pending enquiry, I do not find any justifiable reason to interfere with the impugned order. Instead, I am of the opinion that it would be appropriate to direct the 2nd respondent to conclude the enquiry pending against the petitioner expeditiously following due process of law.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on merits, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the 2nd respondent to complete the enquiry initiated against the petitioner following due process of law and pass appropriate orders as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

(G. ROHINI, J).

7th June, 2007.

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Between:

Katta Babji.

.. Petitioner.

And

The Joint Collector,
West Godavari District,
Eluru and others.

..Respondents.